



Archaeology News



- ***from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist***

- **Archaeological topics in the latest *Preserving Indiana***- If you haven't already, you might want to consider being added to the mailing list for the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology's official newsletter, *Preserving Indiana*. The newsletter, published bi-annually, provides valuable information about archaeology and preservation issues in our state, as well as at the national level. The latest newsletter includes information on several archaeological topics. *Preserving Indiana* provides the public with another way to stay in the preservation and archaeology "loop" in our state. To be added to the mailing list, contact our office at 317/232-1646 or dhpa@dnr.IN.gov. To access the newsletter electronically, go to www.IN.gov/dnr/historic.
- **Discovering Archaeology Day at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures**- State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, will represent the DHPA at the *Discovering Archaeology Day* at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures in Bloomington, April 8th. Dr. Jones and Ms. Johnson will be available to answer questions regarding Indiana Archaeology and the DHPA, and they will be distributing free information about archaeology as well. The event is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Indiana University archaeologists, archaeology students, and others will present a variety of demonstrations and archaeological hands-on activities for all ages. The event will be free and open to the public. For further information, go to <http://www.indiana.edu/~mathers/programs/index.html>.
- **Cemetery Registry Survey forms**- For archaeologists who discover or investigate a cemetery in Indiana, a reminder that we encourage you to fill out the Cemetery Registry survey form and submit it to our office in addition to the archaeological site form. The form can be obtained from our office, or online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/adobepdf/surveyform.pdf>.



DNR archaeologist Tim Wright recording information in an Indiana cemetery (photo courtesy of Division of Reclamation).

Location information and survey data on each cemetery and burial ground in the state is being gathered and entered into the DHPA's Cemetery and Burial Ground Registry. The Division has the mandate of recording all Hoosier cemeteries and burial grounds. So, any time a survey form is completed and submitted to our office, valuable information is added to the statewide cemetery database. If you have any questions regarding the cemetery database or survey forms, contact Jeannie Regan-Dinius at 317/232-1646.



A cemetery in Hancock County. As can be seen in these photos, the cemetery is enclosed by an unusual concrete wall, presumably for its own protection.



- **Meeting at Mounds State Park-** On March 2, 2006, State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson attended a meeting at Mounds State Park, Anderson, to provide technical assistance.

The Property Manager (James E. Davis), other members of the State Parks and Reservoirs staff, and Ball State University archaeologists Don Cochran and Beth

McCord were also in attendance.

The meeting, and subsequent discussions and site visit,

provided an opportunity to gauge the current state of preservation of the earthworks, talk about ongoing and suggested future preservation actions, and to brainstorm about other ideas for the park and the National Register of Historic Places listed earthworks which are protected there.



Members of the Division of State Parks & Reservoirs staff, Ball State University archaeologists, and State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones (foreground) assessing the currently standing trees which are growing near and on the Great Mound.



View of a portion of the Great Mound embankment.

- **DHPA Photo Contest-** The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is hosting, in honor of Historic Preservation Month in May, a photo contest. The entry rules and form, as well as additional



information about the contest, are available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/photocontestguidelines.html> The deadline for entering is April 19th. Get out there and photograph your favorite Indiana archaeological site. How about finding your favorite Indiana dig photo? We hope to see some great archaeological entries in the contest this year!

- **Young student shadows the archaeology staff-** On March 28th, William Feng, a student at the Orchard School, shadowed the archaeology staff at the DHPA. William had excellent questions for our archaeologists, and we were pleased to share information with him (and his Mom) about archaeology, a career in the science, artifacts, etc. Visits like these are just another way that the DHPA is reaching out to the public and sharing information about archaeology in our state.

Dr. Jones and William Feng during William's visit to our office.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html

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